

In the Claims:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
receiving data corresponding to an image, the image including a depiction of text;  
~~generating a non-image representation of recognizing~~ at least some of said  
depicted text;  
storing said recognized text in a data repository; and  
encoding a watermark in a representation of said image; and  
associating with said watermark, said watermark serving to associate said  
image with said data repository.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (New) The method of claim 3 in which said recognizing includes recognizing  
by an automated OCR process.

6. (New) In a method of building an index to a collection of web pages by  
reference to text and meta tags found therein, an improvement comprising:  
downloading an image from one of said web pages;  
decoding a digital watermark from the downloaded image;  
through use of said decoded digital watermark, obtaining text associated with said  
downloaded image; and  
augmenting the index in accordance with said obtained text.

7. (New) The method of claim 6 in which the decoded digital watermark  
includes a database reference, and the method includes using said reference to obtain  
information from an associated database record.

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8. (New) A method of augmenting image data collected by a security monitoring camera, comprising:

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analyzing a frame of image data from said security monitoring camera for text information depicted therein;

storing the text information in a data repository;

digitally watermarking said image data;

wherein said digital watermark indicates the location of the stored text information in said data repository.

9. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein the frame of image data includes a depiction of a vehicle license plate, and said text information comprises text on said license plate.

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